

Torrance, California
April 12, 1949

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, April 12, 1949, at 8:00 p.m.

Councilman Drale moved that, in the absence of Mayor Sherfey, Councilman Haggard serve as Mayor Pro tem. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro tem Haggard called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Drale, Haggard, Jackson and Powell. Absent: Councilmen: Sherfey.

Mayor Pro tem Haggard announced that this is the time for opening bids for furnishing and erecting a metal building 50' x 100'.

Clerk Bartlett proceeded to open and read the following bids:

Pacific Iron & Steel Co.	Total Bid	\$7,454.00
11633 South Alameda Street	Alternate #1 add to price	1,680.00
Los Angeles 2, California		

Cashier's Check in the amount of \$970.00 accompanied the bid.

Welded Trusses Inc.	Total Bid	\$8,584.00
Technical Welding Service	For Wood frame overhead	
2008 West Seventh Street	doors add	640.00
Los Angeles 5, Calif.	For Aluminum frame over-	
	head doors add.	970.00

No check or bond accompanied the bid.

Soule Steel Company	Proposal I - Total Bid	\$7,447.00
6200 Wilmington Avenue	Proposal II - Total Bid	9,438.00
Los Angeles 1, Calif.		

Certified Check in the amount of \$943.80 accompanied the bid.

Pascoe Construction Company	Total Bid	\$7,164.00
389 No. East End Avenue	4 Horizontal Sliding Doors	896.00
Pomona, California	4 Overhead Doors.	1,516.00

Bid Bond in the amount of \$1000.00 accompanied the bid.

Empire Steel Bldgs. Co.	Total Bid	\$6,975.00
2137 Marianna Avenue	Accordian type folding doors	1,650.00
Los Angeles 33, Calif.	Accordian type gates. . .	1,125.00

Bid Bond in the amount of \$700.00 accompanied the bid.

Walter G. Mitchell	Total Bid	\$7,858.00
2400 West Vernon Ave.	Overhead doors add. . . .	1,725.00
Los Angeles 43, Calif.	Double Sliding doors add	1,100.00

Bid Bond in the sum of \$1000.00 accompanied the bid.

Kyle Steel Construction Co.	Total Bid	\$6,973.00
5200 Alcoa Avenue	Optional:	
Los Angeles 11, Calif.	1. Rolling Doors add . . .	2,190.00
	2. Aluminum Doors raised	
	vertically on tracks add	2,317.00
	3. Sliding Doors on track add	1,200.00
	For 50' x 104' Bldg. add	280.00
	4. High Swing Metal Doors add	2,034.00

Bond in the amount of 10% of the bid was attached.

Wilhelm Steel Construction Co.	Total Bid	\$8,520.00
12901 South Yukon Avenue	Alternate Bid:	
Hawthorne, California	With Overhead Aluminum	
	Doors - Total Bid	9,874.33

Bond in the amount of 10% of the bid was attached.

Councilman Jackson moved that the bids for furnishing and erecting a metal building be referred to City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Smith for analysis and recommendation to the Council at the next regular meeting. Councilman Powell seconded the motion.

Before calling for a vote, Councilman Drale pointed out that the Empire Steel Buildings Company is, at the present time, the low bidder, and he asked that this fact be made a part of the record.

There being a motion before the Council, Mayor Pro tem Haggard called for a vote. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro tem Haggard announced that this is the time for opening bids for installing acoustical ceiling in the Civic Auditorium.

Clerk Bartlett proceeded to open and read the following bids:

Acoustical Contractors, Inc.	Proposal #1	\$4,344.00
1701 West Slauson	Proposal #2	3,888.00
Los Angeles, Calif.	Proposal #3	5,300.00

Certified Check in the amount of \$500.00 accompanied the bid.

The Harold E. Shugart Co., Inc.	Proposal "A"	\$3,150.00
911 North Sycamore Avenue	Proposal "B"	3,570.00
Los Angeles 38, Calif.	Proposal "C"	1,820.00

Certified Check in the amount of \$357.00 accompanied the bid.

Councilman Powell moved that the bids for installing acoustical ceiling in the Civic Auditorium be referred to the Council as a whole, City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Smith for study and recommendation at the next regular meeting. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Powell moved that the Minutes of a Regular Meeting held March 22, 1949, and of Adjourned Regular Meetings held March 29 and April 5, 1949 be approved as written. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were read:

Southern California Gas Company enclosing check for \$11,570.42 being payment in full under Franchise Ordinance No. 332, for period January 1 to December 31, 1948, inclusive. Matter of record.

The Texas Company enclosing check for \$12.27, being payment due under franchise ordinances in existence in the City of Torrance, for the period January 1 to December 31, 1948, inclusive. Matter of record.

Richfield Oil Corporation enclosing check for \$117.30, being payment due under franchise ordinances in existence in the City of Torrance, for the period January 1 to December 31, 1948, inclusive. Matter of record.

The National Supply Company expressing appreciation for paving of Border Avenue. Ordered filed.

George W. Downing, Secretary, Recreation Commission, expressing appreciation for the Council's prompt action regarding a recreation program for Torrance, and advising that the Commission, which is automatically disbanded by Ordinance No. 454, is willing to continue on a temporary basis until such time as a permanent Commission is appointed.

Councilman Powell moved that this letter be considered later in the meeting, together with an ordinance in connection therewith. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Rev. Ben Samuel, 1319 Crenshaw Blvd. explaining the type of public activity he is conducting in his home, which he states is not comparable to any type of palmistry, fortune telling, card reading, etc., but is strictly Spiritual Healing. This letter was the result of an investigation made by the License Inspector.

Councilman Powell moved that this matter be referred to the City Attorney and License Inspector for the necessary action. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Application of Walter L. Bark to open a letter shop at 1526 Cravens Ave., business to consist of mimeographing, multigraphing, typing and mailing service.

Clerk Bartlett explained that this application is brought before the Council because of the recent action taken at the meeting of March 29, 1949, whereby requests for a license for any business not enumerated in License Ordinance No. 381 be referred to the Council for recommendation.

After some discussion, Councilman Jackson moved that the license be granted. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Resignation from Charles T. Rippy as a member of the Torrance City Planning Commission.

Councilman Drale moved that the resignation of Mr. Rippy be accepted, and that the City Manager be instructed to write a letter to Mr. Rippy expressing the Council's appreciation of his past services. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1974

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SUPPORTING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 1664.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1974 be suspended. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

As there was some discussion regarding the subject of this resolution, Clerk Bartlett read Resolution No. 1974 in its entirety.

Councilman Jackson moved that Resolution No. 1974 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

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Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1975

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING GRANT DEED FROM TONY FRIETAS AND AHEARINA FRIETAS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Drale moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1975 be suspended. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1975 be adopted. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1976

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING EASEMENT DEED FROM TONY FRIETAS AND AHEARINA FRIETAS TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND AUTHORIZING RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Drale moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1976 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Councilman Drale moved that Resolution No. 1976 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1977

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING GRANT DEED FROM HATTIE J. CAVANAUGH TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE RECORDING OF SAME.

Councilman Drale moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 1977. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1977 be adopted. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1978

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING TEMPORARY SLOPE RIGHTS TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES OVER CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 1964.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Resolution No. 1978 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Councilman Powell moved that Resolution No. 1978 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 448

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING LOT 1, BLOCK 90, TORRANCE TRACT AND THE EAST 120' OF THE SOUTH 140' OF LOT 1, TRACT NO. 7873 FROM R-3 AND R-1 ZONES (MULTIPLE-FAMILY AND SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO A C-1 (RETAIL COMMERCIAL) ZONE.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 448 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Councilman Jackson moved that Ordinance No. 448 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 449

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING ALL OF TRACT NO. 15157 FROM AN A-1 (LIGHT AGRICULTURAL) ZONE TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) FOR LOTS 12-17, INCLUSIVE, OF BLOCK 6; R-2 (TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) FOR LOTS 18-24, INCLUSIVE, OF BLOCK 6, AND LOTS 8-15, INCLUSIVE, OF BLOCK 5; AND R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) FOR BALANCE OF TRACT.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 449 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 449 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 450

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING A PORTION OF LOT 8, TRACT NO. 7873, AND A PART OF THE SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY'S RIGHT-OF-WAY ADJACENT THERETO, FROM AN A-1 (LIGHT AGRICULTURAL) ZONE TO AN M-2 (HEAVY MANUFACTURING) ZONE.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 450 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 450 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 451

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING LAND USE ORDINANCE NO. 316, RECLASSIFYING ALL OF TRACT NO. 15213 FROM AN A-1 (LIGHT AGRICULTURAL) ZONE TO AN R-1 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF LOT 1, BLOCK 4, AND LOT 1, BLOCK 5, WHICH ARE TO BE RECLASSIFIED TO A C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) ZONE.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 451 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Councilman Jackson moved that Ordinance No. 451 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 453

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 14 OF ORDINANCE NO. 316 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 453 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 453 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for final reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 456

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SELLING, USING, POSSESSION AND DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND REPEALING ORDINANCES NO. 91 AND NO. 185.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 456 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Councilman Powell moved that Ordinance No. 456 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Drale. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first and final reading and read title to urgency

ORDINANCE NO. 455

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING PENALTY FOR ANY OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, AGENT, OR OTHERWISE, OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, WHO FAILS OR REFUSES TO SURRENDER BOOKS, PAPERS, RECEIPTS, RECORDS OR OTHER PROPERTY FOR INSPECTION BY CERTAIN OFFICIALS.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of urgency Ordinance No. 455 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Councilman Powell moved that urgency Ordinance No. 455 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first and final reading and read title to urgency

ORDINANCE NO. 458

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 3 OF ARTICLE I OF ORDINANCE NO. 454 AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR.

City Attorney Smith explained that this amendment does not change the Recreation Ordinance except as to the number of members constituting the Commission.

Councilman Powell moved that further reading of urgency Ordinance No. 458 be dispensed with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Councilman Powell moved that urgency Ordinance No. 458 be adopted. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first and final reading and read title to urgency

ORDINANCE NO. 459

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CREATING AND ESTABLISHING A TAXATION AND BUDGET COMMISSION TO ACT IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY TO THE CITY MANAGER IN HIS PREPARATION OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Jackson moved that further reading of urgency Ordinance No. 459 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

APPROVED

Councilman Jackson moved that urgency Ordinance No. 459 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Clerk Bartlett presented for first and final reading and read title to urgency

ORDINANCE NO. 460

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING TRAFFIC CONTROL INSTALLATIONS ON CERTAIN STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND ESTABLISHING 25-MILE PER HOUR ZONES.

Councilman Drale moved that further reading of urgency Ordinance No. 460 be dispensed with. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Councilman Drale moved that urgency Ordinance No. 460 be adopted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

A communication from City Manager Stevens was read submitting the following recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

PERSONNEL:

1. That Robert T. Gilbert be temporarily employed as a Watchman and Attendant at the Torrance Ball Park, effective April 11, 1949, and that his compensation be at the rate of \$176.00 per month, the position to be temporary only.
2. That Francis O. Stevens be temporarily employed as a Bus Attendant, effective April 1, 1949, and that his compensation be at the rate of \$193.00 per month.
3. That W. H. Stanger, Water Superintendent, be granted a 30-day Sick Leave, beginning May 1, 1949.

Councilman Drale moved that the Council concur in the recommendations of City Manager Stevens with regard to Personnel. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For improvements at Ball Park, Picnic Area and Band Stand, the sum of \$504.50.
2. For expenses incurred in obtaining Guarantee Titles in connection with acquisition of right-of-way on Western Avenue, the sum of \$405.00. (From County Aid Funds for Western Avenue.)
3. For the acquisition of property in North Torrance, \$8,050.00 for approximately 4.37 acres and \$2,050.00 for approximately 1.13 acres, said funds to be placed in escrow immediately. (From Unappropriated Reserve.)

4. For the purchase and installation of pump for Mack Fire Engine, the sum of \$3,500.00. (From Unappropriated Reserve.)

Councilman Drale moved that the Council concur in the recommendations of City Manager Stevens with regard to Appropriations. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. That the application of Mr. Edward George for permission to live in a tent on 182nd Street be denied, pending evidence of intention to erect a home at the proposed location.
2. That bids be invited for the improvement of:
 - a. Sepulveda Boulevard, between Narbonne Avenue and the Santa Fe Railroad tracks.
 - b. Hawthorne Boulevard, between Huntington Street and 190th Street.

Councilman Powell moved that the recommendations of City Manager Stevens on Miscellaneous matters be concurred in. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

Two communications from William H. Munds, Secretary, Torrance Planning Commission, were read advising that at a meeting of the Commission held April 5, 1949, the following matters were acted on:

The following described site was approved, as requested by the Board of Education of the Torrance Unified School District:

PARCEL 1:

That portion of Lot 1, Tract No. 9765, as shown on map recorded in Book 170, pages 10 et seq., of Maps, in the office of the Recorder of the County of Los Angeles.

Approval of the above site replaces the action of the Planning Commission taken May 18, 1948, on Lot 13, Block 8, Proposed Tract No. 15139.

Final Tract Map No. 15933 was unanimously approved, subject to minor engineering changes, the posting of the necessary bonds and the recommendations of the City Engineering Department as to the handling of the low lands and the curbs and gutters along certain streets, as proposed in the attached letter from the Engineering Department.

This Tract is located between 182nd Street and 186th Street, bordered on the west by Hawthorne Blvd., on the east by Amie Avenue and consists of 163 lots.

A communication from John R. Patrick, Assistant City Engineer, was read advising that in regard to Final Tract Map No. 15933, located on the southeast corner of 182nd Street and Hawthorne Boulevard and containing 163 lots, the City Engineering Department would like to recommend the following stipulations to be complied with before final approval by the City Council:

1. That Lots 127 to 131, inclusive, be dedicated as a City Park, which will act as an absorption basin for the water from Hawthorne Boulevard; that this portion be excavated to a point of 2½' below any existing or future ground elevations.

2. That an easement 10' in width be granted to the City of Torrance for drainage purposes, along lot line between Lots 142 and 143. This will be surfaced with an approved surfacing and to such a grade as to allow water to flow from Hawthorne Boulevard into the proposed basin.

3. That Lots 132 and 133 be dedicated and excavated as in Item No. 1, with a 10' drainage easement along the lot line between Lots 138 and 139, or in lieu of this dedication, that the subdivider construct an adequate drain from a point along the north boundary of Lot 138 north to such a distance as to allow the water to reach the absorption basin, as set up in Item No. 1.

It is also requested that the subdivider construct curbs and gutters along Roslyn Avenue, Amie Avenue and 186th Street, which are existing streets under Tract No. 10216. This will make these streets conform in appearance with the two new streets, Regina Avenue and Ashley Avenue, which he is required under Subdivision Ordinance No. 437 to install.

Councilman Powell moved that the Council approve the action of the Planning Commission with regard to the request of the Torrance Unified School District, and that the approval of Final Tract Map No. 15933 be concurred in subject to minor engineering changes, and provided that certain stipulations recommended by the Engineering Department be complied with. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro tem Haggard announced that a Public Hearing will now be held on Case No. 156, Petition of Anna Sohn, et al, for a Change of Zone affecting Lots 4, 5 and 6 in Block 15, and Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 18, all in Tract No. 2761, situated on Greenwood Avenue between Carson and Sonoma Streets. Petitioners request that the zone be changed from A-1 (Light Agricultural) to R-2 (Two-family Residential).

Clerk Bartlett advised that no written protests have been received.

City Manager Stevens stated that no written protests have been received.

City Manager Stevens presented and read the findings of the Planning Commission at their second hearing, which unanimously approved the petition and recommended that the City Council concur in this action.

Mayor Pro tem Haggard called for oral protests.

There being no protests, Councilman Powell moved that the recommendation of the Planning Commission be concurred in, and that the Council grant the Petition of Anna Sohn, et al, for a Change of Zone. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

The request of Harry Anderson and Chester Phillips for permission to build two homes on one acre of land, Lot 11, Hickman Tract, denied by the Planning Commission as the request did not conform to Land Use Ordinance No. 316, was referred, at the meeting of March 22nd, to the City Council for consideration.

Councilman Drale moved that the request of the above applicants to build two homes on one acre of land be granted. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Drale asked what progress has been made in the matter of consolidating the three water districts.

City Manager Stevens stated that the preliminary step, namely, the drafting of a map showing all water installations, has been completed by Mr. Stanger, Water Superintendent, and that he (Mr. Stevens) has a copy of said map. The next procedure, he said, will be to prepare plans for the consolidation of the water districts.

Mr. W. H. Stanger, Water Superintendent, suggested that before a survey is made, an opinion be obtained from Mr. James L. Beebe, of the firm of O'Melveny and Myers, on the legality of consolidating the three water districts. He stated, with all due respect to the City Attorney's opinion regarding the effects of the 1927 Act on freeholder charter cities in such matters, it will require the approval of the law firm of O'Melveny and Myers to make the bonds valid and acceptable by bond buying firms. Therefore, Mr. Stanger advised against spending any money for a survey until such legal opinion has been obtained, after which the survey would have to be made by consulting engineers, and he remarked that ninety days was not sufficient time for making a survey.

Councilman Drale moved that the time for making the survey be extended another ninety days, and the matter of a legal opinion be taken up by the Council at a later date. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

In reply to Mr. Stanger's remarks, City Attorney Smith stated as follows: "I have never taken the floor in the defense of some opinion I might have rendered. I don't know the gentleman that Mr. Stanger speaks about. I know that he has a very fine reputation as a lawyer on municipal matters, but I do know this - that the Constitution of the State of California, under which we received our freeholder charter, expressly states that municipal water distribution is purely a municipal affair, and that in municipal affairs the state laws are not paramount but subservient to the laws as expressed in the ordinances of freeholder charter cities. There is where the authority comes from - the Constitution of the State of California - and not from any law passed by the legislature, whether it is direct or implied. Our charter is paramount to any general law that deals with purely municipal affairs, and the serving of water or the consolidation of any of the services in the City is a municipal affair. That is where I get my authority - from the Constitution of the State of California. A city of the sixth class is not granted such powers. If it is not a municipal affair, we are bound by the State laws - they prevail over our ordinances but in so far as municipal affairs are concerned they do not. That is the reason the paramount status of municipal affairs makes our ordinances passed on municipal affairs paramount even to any law of the State. Now, there may be some procedure that I know nothing about that must be adhered to, but so far as our power and our right to do these things, I will stake my reputation on the statement that I have made."

Councilman Powell stated that a petition has been received by the City Clerk, bearing forty-four signatures, mostly of children of this city, urging the adoption and enforcement of an ordinance requiring that all hazards created by the abandonment of oil wells, gas wells, and water wells, be eliminated.

Councilman Powell explained that the recently adopted Oil Code Ordinance includes the removal of such hazards, and then moved that the Chief of Police be instructed to report, at regular intervals, to the City Council for necessary action, all complaints of any nuisance or hazards with regard to wells received by his department, comparable to the one which recently existed in San Marino and brought to the attention of the public in current publications. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Harry Clark of 1231 So. Olive Street, Los Angeles, made application for a photographer's license. He explained that he represents Feature Photos, a concern having an agreement with the

Lomita-Progress Newspaper, to take photographs of children whose pictures appear in the newspaper, and are also sold to the parents.

Clerk Bartlett advised that he took up this matter with the Better Business Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, and they recommended that Mr. Mosher write a letter to the City Council endorsing Mr. Clark.

There was some discussion on Ordinance No. 317, which sets forth the requirements for solicitors.

Councilman Powell moved that a license be denied Mr. Clark pending the necessary letter of recommendation from the Better Business Bureau or from Mr. Mosher, of the Lomita-Progress Newspaper. Councilman Drale seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Commander Mason informed the Council that a controversial matter has arisen in Hollywood Riviera over advertising signs which greatly detract from the beauty of the residential area. Commander Mason made reference to Land Use Ordinance No. 316, and requested that the provisions therein relative to the placing of signs be enforced.

There was considerable discussion on this matter.

Councilman Drale moved that the provisions of Ordinance No. 316 with regard to the placing of signs in the City of Torrance be enforced by the Chief of Police. Councilman Powell seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

City Manager Stevens explained that he is endeavoring to get the interested parties together for the purpose of working out some arrangement with regard to directional signs.


City Attorney Smith said, "I do not believe that a sign directing people to a certain spot is in violation of Ordinance No. 316. It is my opinion that the object of the insertion of such a clause in Ordinance No. 316, is to prevent advertising. Now, it is not a legal objection under this ordinance for any man who has a lot to sell putting a sign on that property, if that property is for sale, if the sign does not exceed six square feet, and there is no law against the city placing a sign upon its property directing traffic to a certain district - that is not advertising. I think a citizen has a right to direct pedestrians or automobiles to a sale, that is not advertising, but directing him to a certain vicinity. It is a sign which directs you to a certain location."

Councilman Powell moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Jackson seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Drale, Jackson, Powell and Haggard. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sherfey.

At 9:58 p.m., on motion by Councilman Powell, seconded by Councilman Jackson, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned.


CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

APPROVED:


MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE